

REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's thorough consideration provided in the present application. Independent claim 7 is currently pending in the instant application. Claims 1-6 and 8-10 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein. Reconsideration of the present application is earnestly solicited.

Reasons for Entry of Amendments

As discussed in greater detail hereinafter, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) have been obviated and/or rendered moot.

In accordance with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.116, Applicant respectfully requests entry and consideration of the foregoing amendments as they remove issues for appeal (claims have been cancelled) and the remaining claims have all been allowed by the Examiner.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. Specifically, claim 7 has been allowed. Accordingly, Applicant submits that the present application should be passed to Issue.